

January 27.

**THE SEAL BOUNTY RACKET IS PLAYED OUT.** A bill has been presented before the legislative committee on fisheries and game and given a hearing, calling for the abolition of the \$3 bounty on seals. The presentation of this bill was undoubtedly caused by the recent alleged mulcting of several cities by Indians who brought in seals' tails which they claim were killed on the Massachusetts coast, whereas it is alleged that they came from Maine. This is one of the reasons for the bill and undoubtedly there are others, perhaps stronger. At the hearing Representative Fogg of Newburyport said that \$15,000 of Massachusetts money had been paid out for seals' tails in 12 years. County Commissioner Kimball and Dr. Field of the Fish and Game Commission and Representative McIntire also appeared before the committee and added the weight of their testimony for the bill. The whole amount of the matter is, there is a well-defined belief that the state is being fooled and beaten yearly in this seal bounty business and there is a more than strong suspicion that the bulk of the bounty money paid is for the tails—and sometimes flippers, which never flapped in Massachusetts waters.

In fact, of recent years, it seems to have been a "growing" business. Time was when seals were so numerous that shore fisheries were damaged greatly by them, but that was years ago—that day has gone by. Everybody on this Massachusetts coast knows how scarce seals really are.

Why, if some of our expert gunners get three or four in a season they think they are doing well. The game is getting played out. It is well to put a damper on it and the way to do it is to make it unprofitable by taking off the bounty. These shore fisheries will not suffer thereby.

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#### GENUINE ARTICLE.

#### Seal Caught in Fish Trap at Lanesville Yesterday.

Since the Passamaquoddy Indians operated so successfully in this city and other places with their bogus seal tails, it is needless to say that the authorities are watchful of further trickery of this character. This forenoon Mr. John W. Dunn appeared at the office of the city clerk with a package in his hand, and on opening it revealed a genuine seal tail. Mr. Dunn informed City Clerk Somes that the seal was caught in a trap at Lanesville the animal being immediately shot and the tail removed. Mr. Dunn received his certificate from City Clerk Somes, depositing his 50 cents therefore, and repaired to the office of City Treasurer Dolliver, where he received the bounty of \$3. Mr. Dolliver later returned the seal tail to the city clerk's office, desiring that department to take charge of the destruction and in a short time the oil, flesh and fur of the tail were assisting in heating the various apartments at City hall.

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#### GIANT PICKEREL.

#### One Weighing 15 Pounds Sent to Representative Barrett.

The largest pickerel ever seen in this city is now on exhibition at the meat and produce market of Barrett & Crouse on Washington street. It came from the proprietor of O'Brien's Hotel at Lake Bomocén, Vermont, and was sent to Representative C. Homer Barrett, senior partner of the concern.

Mr. Barrett, with some of his friends, make yearly fishing pilgrimages to Vermont and New Hampshire lakes and have been to this spot several times and greatly enjoyed their stay. The pickerel was sent to him as a sort of souvenir of the spot where he and others have enjoyed themselves.

The giant fish was viewed by many this morning, all of whom said it was the largest they ever saw. It will be on exhibition all day.

This week, Representative Barrett, in company with Louis Saunders and Stephen Thomas, are to make a short trip to Lake Bomocén and are hoping for some good fishing. Homer says he is going to fish for the mate to the "big one" and hopes to catch him.

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#### DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

##### Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Blanche, Bay of Islands, N. F., 850 bbl. frozen herring, 25 bbls. salt herring.  
Sch. Senator Gardner, Bay of Islands, N. F., 1000 bbls. frozen herring, 30 bbls. salt herring.

##### Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Fannie E. Prescott, haddocking.  
Sch. Vera, Boston.  
Sch. Maggie and May, Boston.  
Sch. Maud F. Silva, Boston.

##### Today's Fish Market.

Market price large western cod to split, \$2.25 per cwt., medium do., \$1.50.  
Large eastern cod, \$2.25. medium do., \$1.50.  
Fresh round pollock, 70c per cwt.  
Salt bank dory handline cod, \$4.50 per cwt. for large, \$3.50 for mediums and \$2.75 for snappers.  
Fresh hake, \$1.10 per cwt.  
Bank halibut, 14 cts. per lb. for white and 10 cts. for gray.  
Salt herring, in bulk, \$2.50 per bbl.  
Frozen herring, (cargo lots,) \$2.25 per cwt.

##### Boston.

Sch. Actor, 500 haddock, 3500 cod.  
Sch. Louise R. Silva.  
Sch. Minerva, 5300 haddock, 200 cod, 800 hake.  
Sch. Fitz A. Oakes, 500 haddock, 2000 cod, 2000 hake, 3000 pollock.  
Sch. Georgianna, 50,000 haddock, 5000 cod.  
Sch. Cynthia, 42,000 haddock, 15,000 cod.  
Sch. Maud F. Silva, 5000 haddock, 1000 cod, 1000 hake.  
Sch. M. Madeleine, 2000 haddock, 7000 cod, 2000 pollock.  
Sch. Mary E. Cooney, 7000 haddock, 2000 cod.  
Sch. Robert and Arthur, 27,000 haddock, 10,000 cod, 10,000 cusk.  
Sch. Yakima, 18,000 haddock, 8000 cod, 3000 cusk, 1000 pollock.  
Sch. Flirt, 25,000 haddock, 10,000 cod, 2000 hake.  
Sch. Rose Dorothea, 5000 haddock, 10,000 cod.  
Sch. Illinois, 18,000 haddock, 18,000 cod.  
Sch. Raymah, 25,000 haddock, 3000 cod, 2000 cusk.  
Sch. Thomas S. Gorton, 35,000 haddock, 10,000 cod.  
Sch. Nettie, 1000 cod.  
Sloop Wodan, 300 haddock, 300 cod, 400 hake.  
Sch. Priscilla, 4000 haddock, 9000 cod.  
Sch. Metacomet, 7500 cod.  
Sch. Rose Standish, 4000 cod, 4000 hake.  
Sch. Maggie and May, frozen herring via Gloucester.  
Sch. Vera, frozen herring via Gloucester.  
Sch. Francis V. Silva, 12,000 haddock, 1000 cod, 3000 pollock.  
Haddock, \$2 to \$4 per cwt.; large cod, \$5.50 to \$6.25; market cod, \$2.50 to \$4; hake, \$4; pollock, \$4.

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#### SEVERAL NEW STEAMERS.

#### For the French Trawling Fleet in Cape Breton Waters.

#### Largest and Finest Equipped Craft Just Launched.

One of the largest trawlers in the world was launched recently in France for Mr. Huret, who owned the trawler Capella, which was wrecked at Port Nova last year. The new steamer has been christened the Labrador, and will be used in the industry off the Cape Breton coast. She has been pronounced the most modernly equipped and best vessel of her type in existence, and will call at Sydney, C. B., in the early spring or coal and supplies. Next year several new trawlers will be sent out from France, the fleet that visited these waters last year netting such handsome profit that those engaged in the industry have decided to increase their fleet by several new vessels.

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#### SCH. GEORGE PARKER HOME.

#### Two More American Frozen Herring Craft Yet To Arrive.

Sch. George Parker, Capt. C. Wesley Farmer, arrived this morning from Bay of Islands, N. F., with a full cargo of frozen herring. This leaves schs. Veda M. McKown and T. M. Micholson the only American vessels of the frozen herring fleet to arrive.

Sch. Harvard will go to Philadelphia with her cargo of frozen herring and those now left in sch. Clintonia, which has been discharging at that port, will be put in the freezer there.

The fare of sch. George Parker has been sold to Boston.

Sch. T. M. Nicholson of Bucksport, Me., one of the frozen herring fleet, bound here from Bay of Islands, N. F., with a cargo of frozen herring, put into Louisburg, C. B., on Friday last. During the passage across the gulf she encountered heavy weather and had her jib blown to pieces. She will repair there and proceed.

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#### NEW VESSEL.

#### Capt. Brigham Will Have Another Knockabout Craft.

Capt. Brigham of Portland, who has been in sch. Ella M. Doughty in the market fishery this winter, and whose former craft, the knockabout sch. Shepherd King, of Boston, was run down and sunk by a steamer on Georges last summer, is having a new vessel built by Tarr & James of Essex.

Capt. Brigham is one of the most ardent advocates of the knockabout idea as applied to fishing vessels and his new craft will be on this design, very similar to the lost Shepherd King, with a large bow and few other changes. Work on the craft is getting along well and she is pretty well planked up.

Capt. Brigham has been here for a few days inspecting her.

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#### EXCEEDED PORTLAND GALE.

#### Boston Sch. Regina Had Two of Her Crew Hurt.

Capt. Jeremiah Shea of the crack, Boston fishing schooner Regina was the last of the fleet to reach T wharf yesterday, after a 10-days trip to the southwest part of Georges, and was high-liner with a fare of 71,000 pounds of haddock, cod and hake. Capt. Shea said that while fishing on Georges during the northeasterly hurricane of last Friday the Regina was hove to on the starboard tack for a period of 18 hours at a stretch under a whole foresail.

He further stated that the wind, which was attended with blinding snow, attained a greater velocity than the November storm of '98, when the ill-fated steamer Portland went down.

Capt. Shea was also out in the same storm, and the last he avers was a great deal more severe on the fishing grounds. While the vessel rode the blizzard out in safety, two of her crew, Driscoll and Burke, who were securing deck fittings, were hit by a comb which came tumbling aboard at the starboard quarter, throwing both of them violently to the deck and the latter had his right leg badly hurt.

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#### DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

##### Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. George Parker, Bay of Islands, N. F., 1100 bbls. frozen herring, 180 bbls. salt herring.  
Sch. Raymah, via Boston.  
Sch. Flirt, via Boston.  
Sch. Yakima, via Boston.  
Sch. Illinois, via Boston.

##### Today's Fish Market.

Market price large western cod to split, \$2.25 per cwt., medium do., \$1.50.  
Large eastern cod, \$2.25. medium do., \$1.50.  
Fresh round pollock, 70c per cwt.  
Salt bank dory handline cod, \$4.50 per cwt. for large, \$3.50 for mediums and \$2.75 for snappers.  
Fresh hake, \$1.10 per cwt.  
Bank halibut, 14 cts. per lb. for white and 10 cts. for gray.  
Salt herring, in bulk, \$2.50 per bbl.  
Frozen herring, (cargo lots,) \$2.25 per cwt.

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**Boston.**

Sch. Reglia, 45,000 haddock, 6000 cod.  
Sch. Pontiac, 5000 haddock, 1000 cod, 2500  
hake.

Sch. Louise R. Silva, 6000 haddock, 500  
cod, 1000 hake.

\*Haddock, \$3.50 to \$5 per cwt.; cod, \$5;  
hake, \$3.50 to \$6.50.

**Fishing Fleet Movements.**

Schs. Veda M. McKown and Teazer were  
at North Sydney, C. B., on Friday.

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**DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.****Todays Fish Market.**

Market price large western cod to split,  
\$2.25 per cwt., medium do., \$1.50.

Large eastern cod, \$2.25. medium do.,  
\$1.50.

Fresh round pollock, 70c per cwt.

Salt bank dory handline cod, \$4.50 per cwt.  
for large. \$3.50 for mediums and \$2.75 for  
snappers.

Fresh hake, \$1.10 per cwt.

Bank halibut, 14 cts. per lb. for white  
and 10 cts. for gray.

Salt herring, in bulk, \$2.50 per bbl.

Frozen herring, (cargo lots,) \$2.25 per cwt.

**Boston.**

Sch. Hobo, 3500 cod.

Sch. Clara G. Silva, 5000 haddock, 500  
cod, 4000 hake.

Sch. Flavilla, 11,000 haddock, 1000 cod,  
1000 hake.

Steamer Spray, 25,000 haddock, 500 cod.

Sch. Manhasset, 10,000 haddock, 8000 cod.

Sch. Mildred V. Nunan, 3000 haddock,  
1000 cod, 8000 hake.

Sch. Joseph H. Cromwell, 3500 haddock,  
1500 cod.

Sch. Nautilus, 1000 cod.

Haddock, \$4 to \$5 per cwt.; large cod, \$7  
to \$7.50; market cod, \$4; hake, \$3 to \$5.50.

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**AMAZING** We are so apt to  
**PRODUCTION OF** be wrapped up in  
**KING HERRING.** what goes on in our  
own little sphere  
that we sometimes  
forget that there are others. We are often so  
intent on our own business that we lose sight  
of the fact that others, in other parts of the  
world, are engaged in the same business.

Here in Gloucester we have been apt and  
used to think of our greatness as a fishing  
port, which, of course, is right and proper,  
and to become amazed ourselves at the large  
amount of one line of fish produced in a year.  
Take herring for instance, and we look to  
last year with its 107,000 barrel catch as  
something out of the ordinary. If certainly  
was a large amount for one port, but when  
we pick up a trades letter from a big foreign  
concern and find the statement that the Eu-  
ropean herring catch of 1907 was 1,200,000  
more than last year, we are apt and can be  
excused for gasping a little for breath, par-  
ticularly when we go on a little farther and  
read that the European catch of herring for  
that year was 7,000,000 barrels.

This makes our 107,000 barrels seen like  
looking through the big end of the spy-glass,  
but at the same time it shows what an im-  
mense amount of herrings are eaten.

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**NEARING THE END.****Only Two More Frozen Herring  
Fares To Arrive.**

Sch. T. M. Nicholson of Bucksport, Me.,  
arrive during the night from Bay of Islands,  
N. F., with a full fare of frozen herring.  
The craft is considerably iced up.

The British sch. Aldine, chartered to Bos-  
ton parties, arrived at Boston during last  
night, from Bay of Islands, N. F., with a  
full fare of frozen herring.

Sch. Veda M. McKown is the only vessel  
of the American herring fleet left to arrive.  
The British sch. Earl V. S. is to bring a  
cargo to Boston.

**LOST BOARD AND TRAWL.****Steam Trawler Spray Had Hard  
Weather Last Trip.**

The steam otter trawler Spray which ar-  
rived at Boston yesterday, met with hard  
weather on her recent trip, losing one of her  
nets and other board.

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**Nova Scotia Has Lobster Troubles**

A despatch from Ottawa says that the  
Nova Scotia Liberal members, together with  
Premier Murray, waited upon the Minister  
of Marine and Fisheries and the Minister of  
Finance in reference to matters pertaining to  
the fisheries. The members from Western  
Nova Scotia were practically unanimous in  
declaring for the abolition of the regulation  
governing the size of lobsters caught. In  
Western Nova Scotia, particularly in the Bay  
of Fundy, the question is not so paramount.  
There was also a general demand upon the  
Minister for a relaxation of the regulations  
governing the issue of licenses to can lobsters.  
All these matters will receive the attention  
of the Minister and it is hoped will be ad-  
justed satisfactorily.

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**DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.****Today's Arrivals and Receipts.**

Sch. T. M. Nicholson, Bay of Islands, N.  
F., 850 bbls. frozen herring, 390 bbls. salt  
herring.

**Todays Fish Market.**

Market price large western cod to split,  
\$2.25 per cwt., medium do., \$1.50.

Large eastern cod, \$2.25. medium do.,  
\$1.50.

Fresh round pollock, 70c per cwt.

Salt bank dory handline cod, \$4.50 per cwt.  
for large. \$3.50 for mediums and \$2.75 for  
snappers.

Fresh hake, \$1.10 per cwt.

Bank halibut, 14 cts. per lb. for white  
and 10 cts. for gray.

Salt herring, in bulk, \$2.50 per bbl.

Frozen herring, (cargo lots,) \$2.25 per cwt.

**Boston.**

Br. sch. Aldine, frozen herring.

Sch. Teresa and Alice, 6000 haddock, 2000  
hake.

Sch. Alice M. Guthrie, 600 haddock, 1000  
cod, 15,000 hake, 6000 cusk.

Haddock, \$5.75 per cwt.; hake, \$3 to \$6.

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**LAST HERRING  
CRAFT HOME.****Sch. Veda M. McKown Ar-  
rived Badly Iced Up.****RECENT MOVEMENTS OF FLEET.****Comparative Figures of Herring  
Receipts of 1906 and 1907.**

Sch. Veda M. McKown of this port, ar-  
rived this morning from Bay of Islands N.  
F., with a full fare of frozen herring. The  
vessel had a long and hard passage, being  
badly iced up in the gulf and obliged to put  
into North Sydney, C. B., for a new main  
gaff. The vessel shows the effects of the cold  
weather of yesterday, for she is badly iced  
up.

The arrival of the McKown winds up the  
Newfoundland herring season as far as  
American crafts are concerned, for she is the  
last of the fleet of 50 American vessels, seven  
of which made two trips, making 57 cargoes  
in all, 54 in Gloucester vessels and 3 in  
Bucksport vessels.

Thus far this season 11 British vessels  
have arrived for the American market and  
one more is scheduled to come. Eight of  
these have been for Boston and two for this  
port and one for Bucksport. There were  
five frozen cargoes, four salt herring fares  
and two fares part each of salt and frozen  
herring.

The American herring fleet has landed  
practically 44,500 barrels of salt herring and  
27,500 barrels of frozen herring, while the  
British crafts have brought 7800 barrels of  
salt herring and 5000 barrels of frozen her-  
ring.

Last year the American fleet landed 49,698  
barrels of salt herring and 11,285 barrels of  
salt herring, while the English crafts brought  
to the American market 21,000 barrels of salt  
herring and 6630 barrels of frozen herring.

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The British sch. Aldine, which arrived at  
Boston yesterday from Bay of Islands, N.  
F., with a cargo of frozen herring, had a  
very hard passage and was badly iced up.

Sch. Hiram Lowell went to Boston yester-  
day with her cargo of frozen herring.

Sch. J. J. Flaherty and the British sch.  
Ethel have finished putting their cargoes of  
frozen herring in the freezer.

This present cold snap is hailed with de-  
light by those who have frozen herring car-  
goes.

The British sch. Eva June has nearly  
completed the discharge of her cargo of  
frozen herring at Boston.

The situation of the vessels of the frozen  
herring fleet at present is as follows: Sch.  
Esperanto is at Philadelphia and sch. Har-  
vard now here, is probably going there.  
Schs. Annie M. Parker, Clintonia, Ingomar  
and Priscilla Smith are taking out at New  
York. Schs. Hiram Lowell, Maggie and  
May, Vera, Lena and Maud and the British  
schs. Aldine, Douglass Adams, Eva June  
and Muriel M. Young are taking out their  
cargoes at Boston and the latter two are ex-  
pected to finish up today. Sch. Arthur  
James will be the next to go there from here.  
At this port today, with cargoes are schs.  
Harvard, slated for Philadelphia; Arthur  
James, sold to Boston; Aloha, to go to New  
York later; George Parker, sold to Boston;  
Smuggler, Oregon, Blanche, Senator Gard-  
ner, T. M. Nicholson and Veda M. Mc-  
Kown.

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**DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.****Today's Arrivals and Receipts.**

Sch. Veda M. McKown, Bay of Islands,  
N. F., 900 bbls. frozen herring.

**Todays Fish Market.**

Market price large western cod to split,  
\$2.25 per cwt., medium do., \$1.50.

Large eastern cod, \$2.25. medium do.,  
\$1.50.

Fresh round pollock, 70c per cwt.

Salt bank dory handline cod, \$4.50 per cwt.  
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snappers.

Fresh hake, \$1.10 per cwt.

Bank halibut, 14 cts. per lb. for white  
and 10 cts. for gray.

Salt herring, in bulk, \$2.50 per bbl.

Frozen herring, (cargo lots,) \$2.25 per cwt.

**Boston.**

Sch. Olive F. Hutchins, 4500 haddock, 500  
cod, 100 hake.

Sch. Hiram Lowell, frozen herring.

Sch. Sadie M. Nunan, 4000 haddock, 500  
cod, 5000 hake.

Haddock, \$5 per cwt.; cod, \$6.75; hake,  
\$3 to \$7.

February 1.

**FEET BADLY FROZEN.****Young Gloucester Fisherman  
Found in Waltham.****Taken to Hospital and Toes May  
Be Amputated.**

Samuel Williams, 19 years of age, a  
Gloucester fisherman, was found on Main  
street, Waltham, on Thursday with both feet  
badly frozen.

He was taken to the Waltham hospital,  
where it was found that the toes of one foot  
were so badly frozen that it is feared they  
may have to be amputated.

Williams said he slept in the woods the  
night before, and his condition would indi-  
cate that he told the truth. Yesterday he  
was resting comfortably.

February 1.

**Mackerel Notes.**

The imports of salt mackerel at Boston to  
date of the catch of 1907 are 21,825 barrels  
against 36,307 barrels of the catch of 1906 at  
this time last year.

February 1.

**Herring Notes.**

Sch. Arthur James went to Boston yester-  
day with her cargo of frozen herring.